ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 36 Emergency Order: 41, 42

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and Ugashik District fishermen. The time is **3:00 p.m.** and the date is **Wednesday**, **July 4**, **2012**.

In Egegik: Escapement at the tower on July 3 was 26,000. Catch on July 3 was 535,000. The 6:00 am count was 10,000. Through July 3, cumulative catch is 1.8 million and cumulative escapement is 318,000. The fish that passed into the Egegik River yesterday are still on their way to the tower.

Commercial fishing will be permitted with set gillnet gear from 12:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2012.....an 8-hour opener. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will be permitted from 10:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 4 until 2:00 a.m. Thursday July 5.....a 4-hour opener, and again from 12:30 pm until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5......an 8 hour opener.

In Ugashik: Tuesday's escapement was 2,500. Through July 3, cumulative catch is 1.0 million and cumulative escapement is 34,000.

In river test fish indices have begun to fall behind desired levels. Escapement is inriver but volume is unconfirmed as the fish are moving slowly. The catch allocation stands at 93% drift and 7% set gillnet.

Commercial fishing will be allowed with set gillnets only from 10:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday July 5.....an 8 hour period.

Fishermen in Egegik and Ugashik Districts should stand by at 3:00 p.m. Thursday July 5 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

Read on VHF 7 and SSB 2509: July 4, 2012 3:00 p.m.
Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-41-12</u> and <u>2F-T-42-12</u>
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